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...ARE YOU ON?

# CIVIL WAR

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THE MARVEL UNIVERSE IS CHANGING. AFTER THE RASH ACTIONS OF FOUR YOUNG HEROES CAUSE THE DESTRUCTION OF STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT, A SUPERHUMAN REGISTRATION ACT IS PASSED, REQUIRING ALL THOSE POSSESSING PARANORMAL ABILITIES TO REGISTER WITH THE GOVERNMENT. REACTION AMONG THE SUPER HEROES IS SPLIT DOWN THE MIDDLE, WITH AN AWOL CAPTAIN AMERICA ON ONE SIDE AND A PRO-REGISTRATION IRON MAN ON THE OTHER. AFTER A BRUTAL BATTLE, MANY HEROES ARE LEFT INJURED, DISCOURAGED AND QUESTIONING WHERE THEY STAND. AS SPIDER-MAN DEFECTS FROM THE PRO-REGISTRATION SIDE, IRON MAN REVEALS THE NEWEST ELEMENT OF HIS PLAN: A MASSIVE PRISON COMPLEX LOCATED INSIDE THE EXTRADIMENSIONAL NEGATIVE ZONE!

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A Superhuman Registration Act has been passed which requires all people possessing paranormal abilities to register with the government. Those who do not register are considered criminals. Some heroes, such as Iron Man, see this as a natural evolution of the role of superhumans in society and a reasonable request. Others view the Act as an assault on their civil liberties. Captain America currently leads an underground resistance movement against the new law.

After a brutal battle, Bill Foster--the anti-registration hero known as Goliath--has been killed. Other members of Captain America's resistance have been captured and brought to the pro-registration faction's holding facility in the Negative Zone. Both sides have retreated in order to regroup and plan their next move.

Many heroes have been left injured, discouraged, and questioning where they stand. While some of Captain America's allies have joined with Tony Stark, Spider-Man has left the pro-registration side. Jack O'Lantern and the Jester--members of a newer and more vicious Thunderbolts team--were sent to track down Spider-Man. After nearly killing him, the villains were gunned down by the Punisher, who took Spider-Man's battered body back to one of Captain America's safehouses. The resistance now has Frank Castle on their side.



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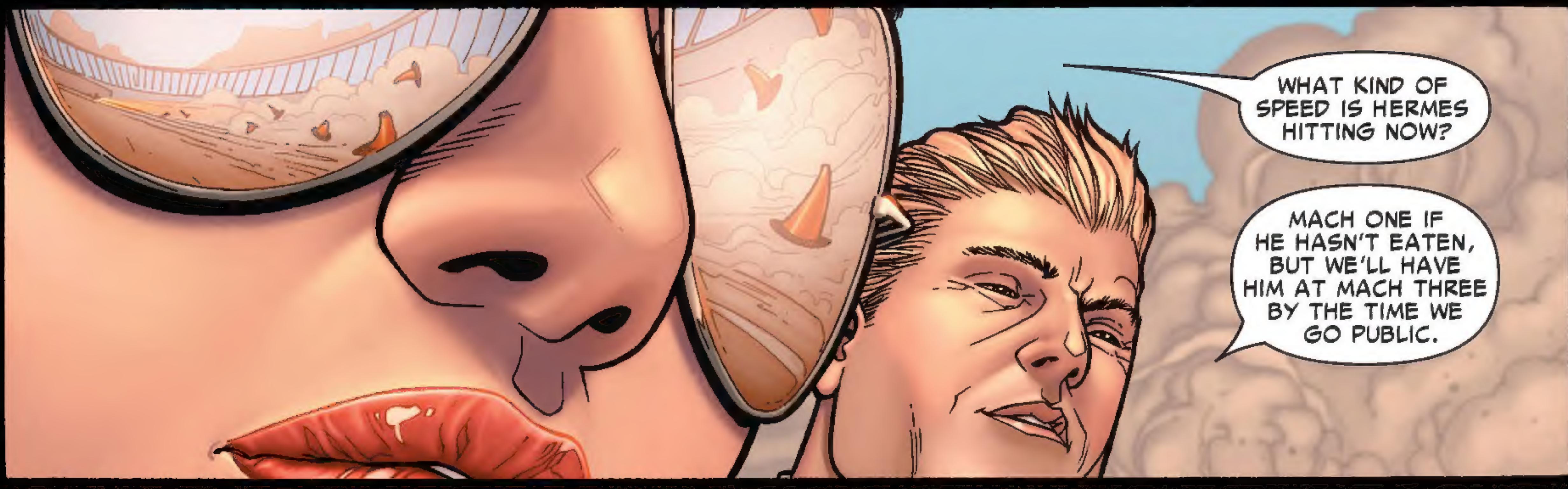
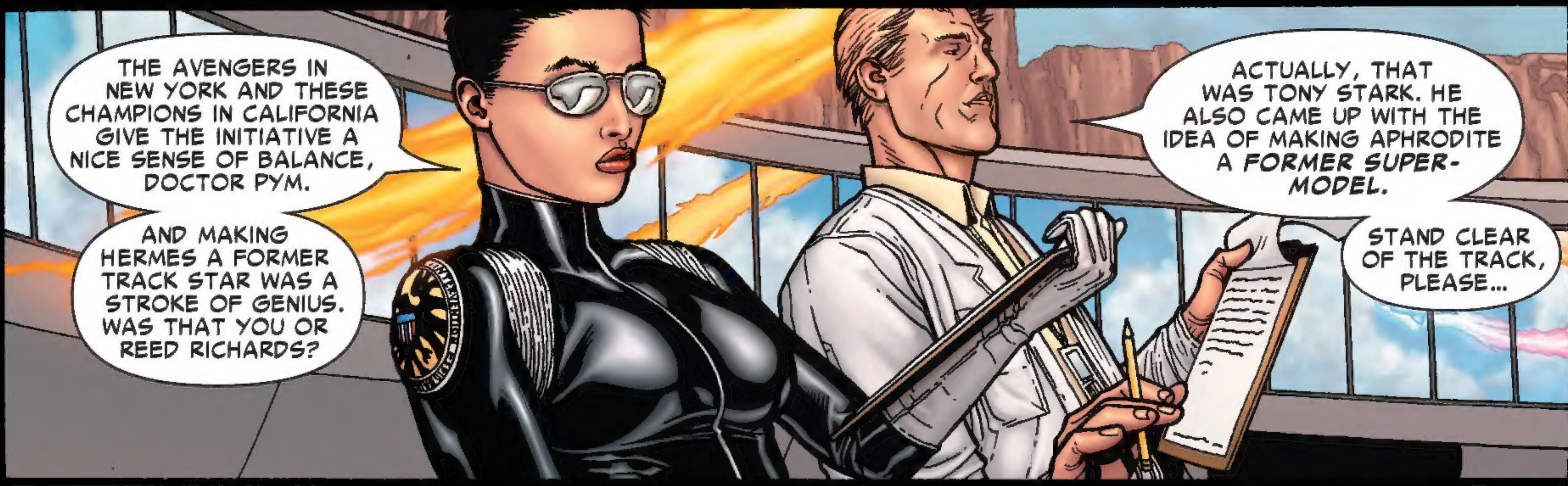
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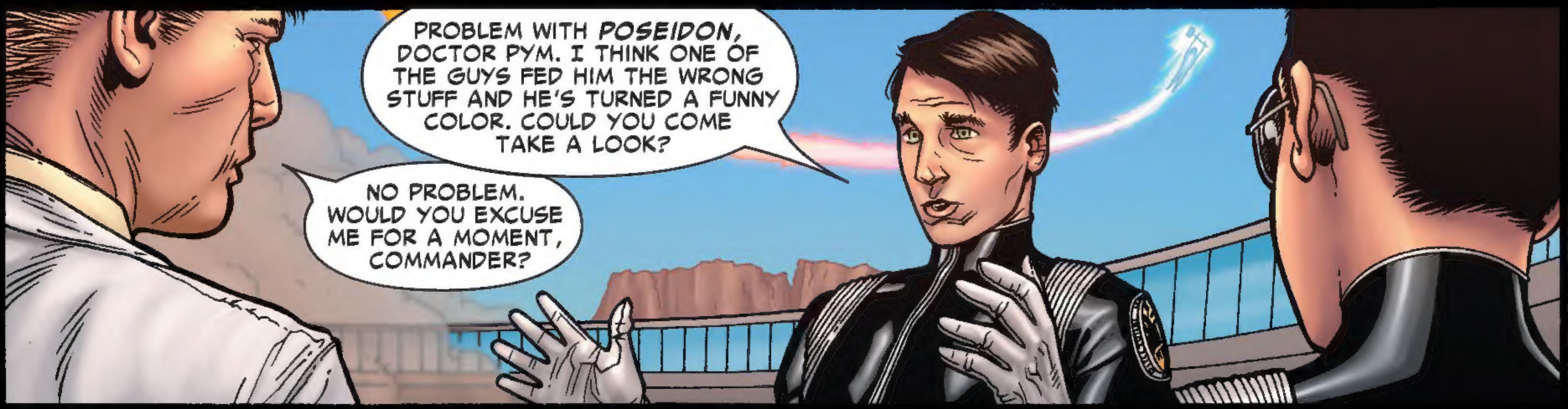
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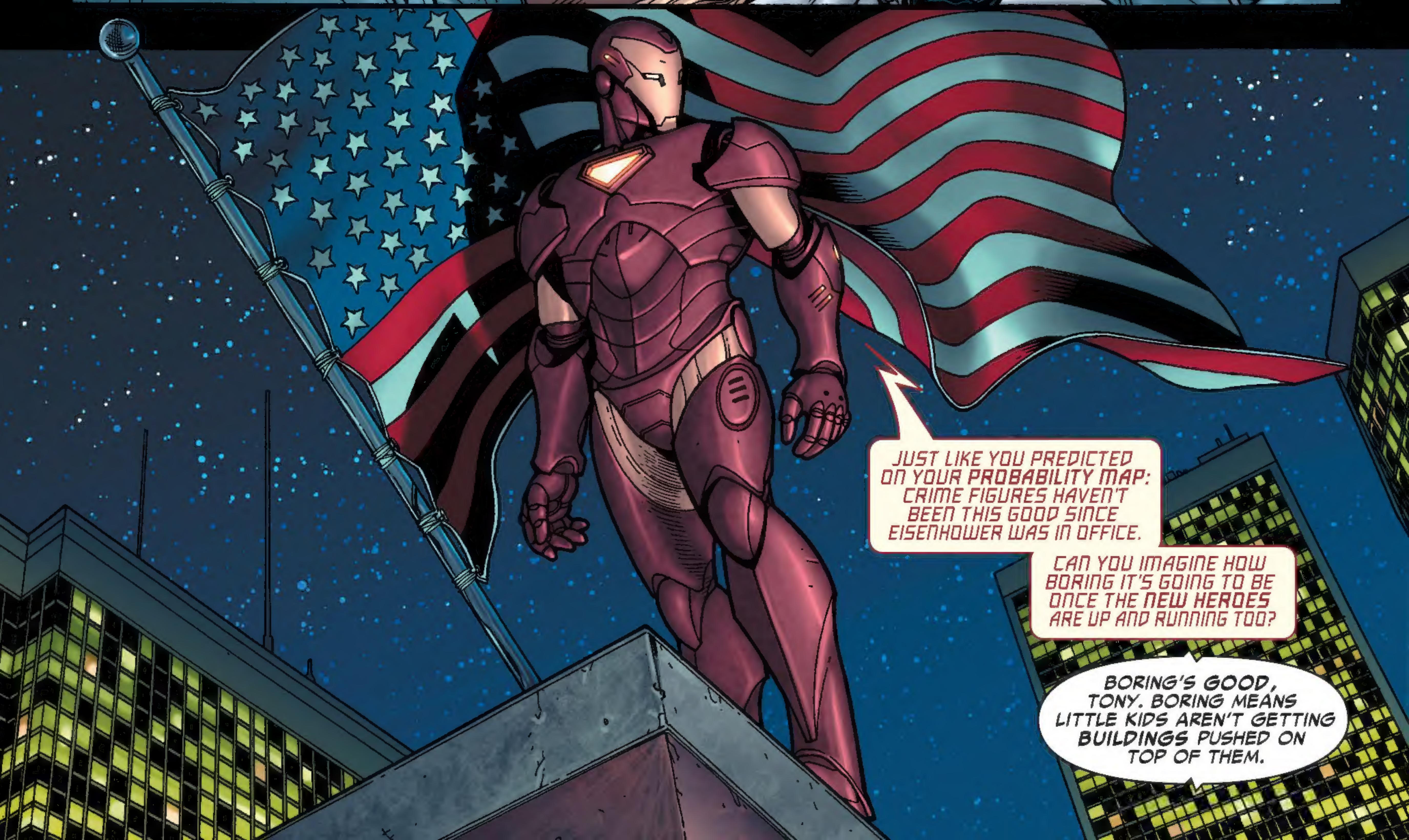
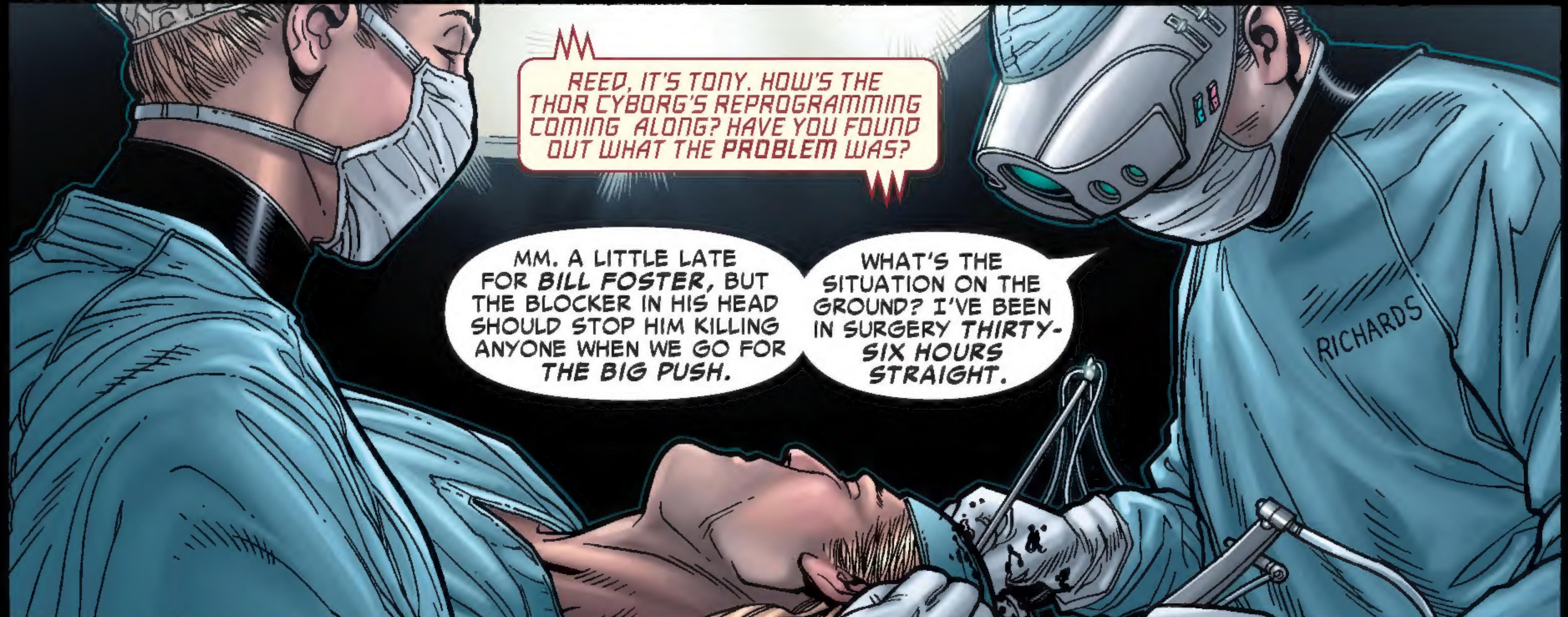
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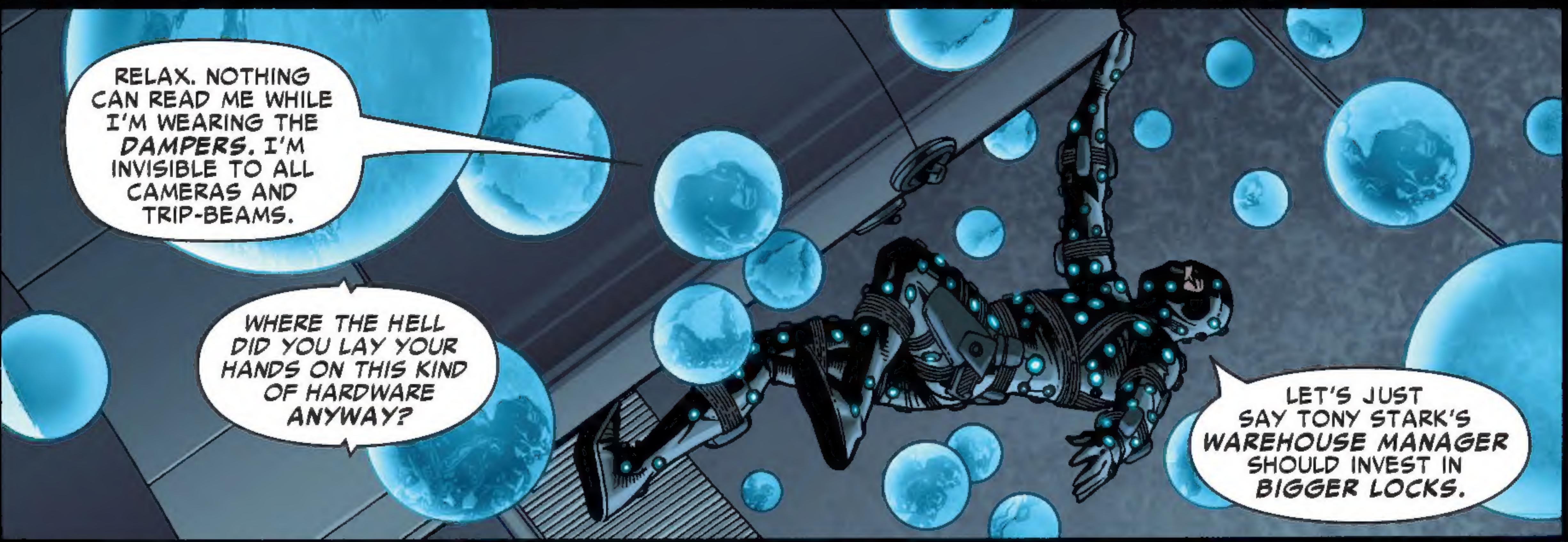
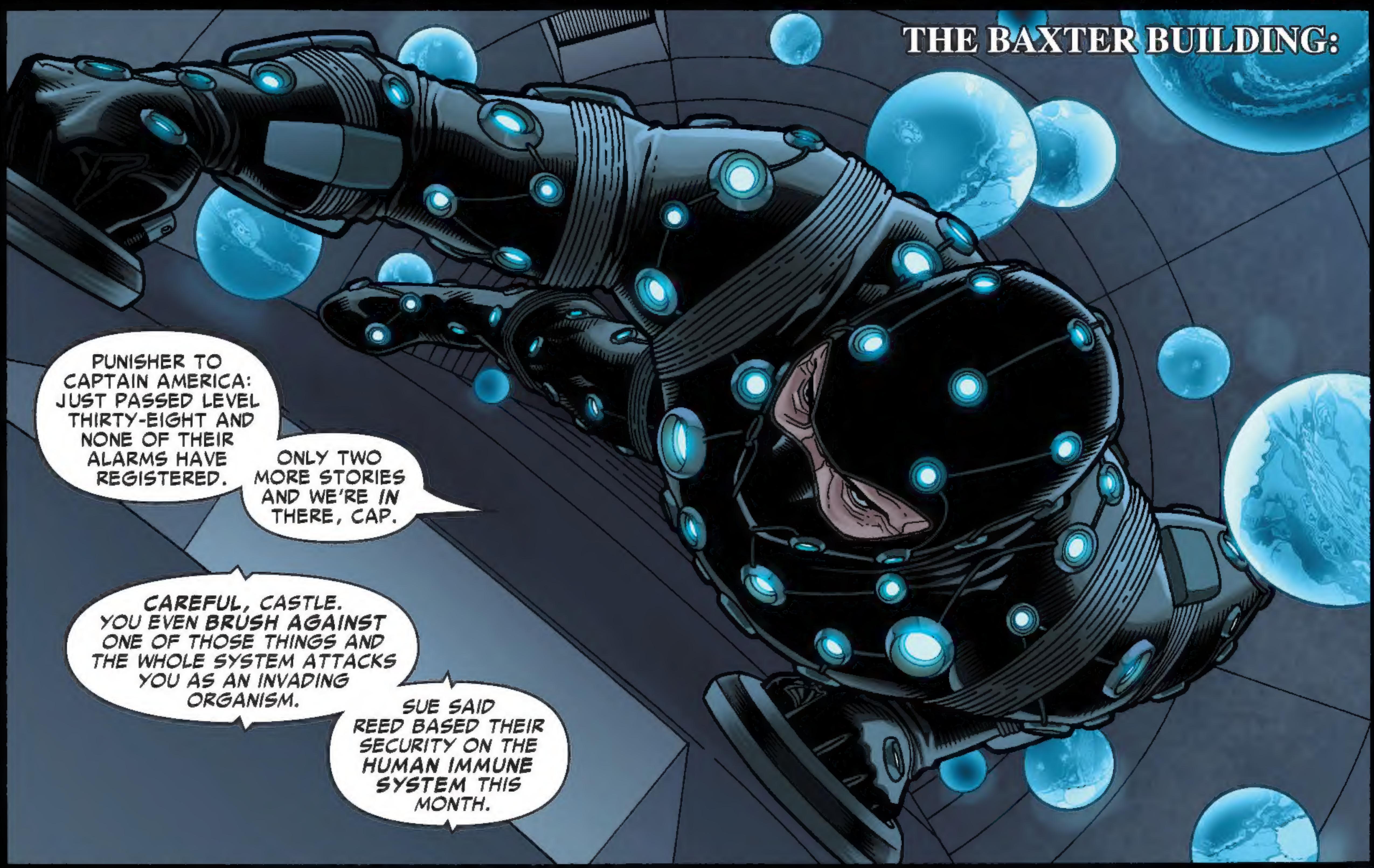
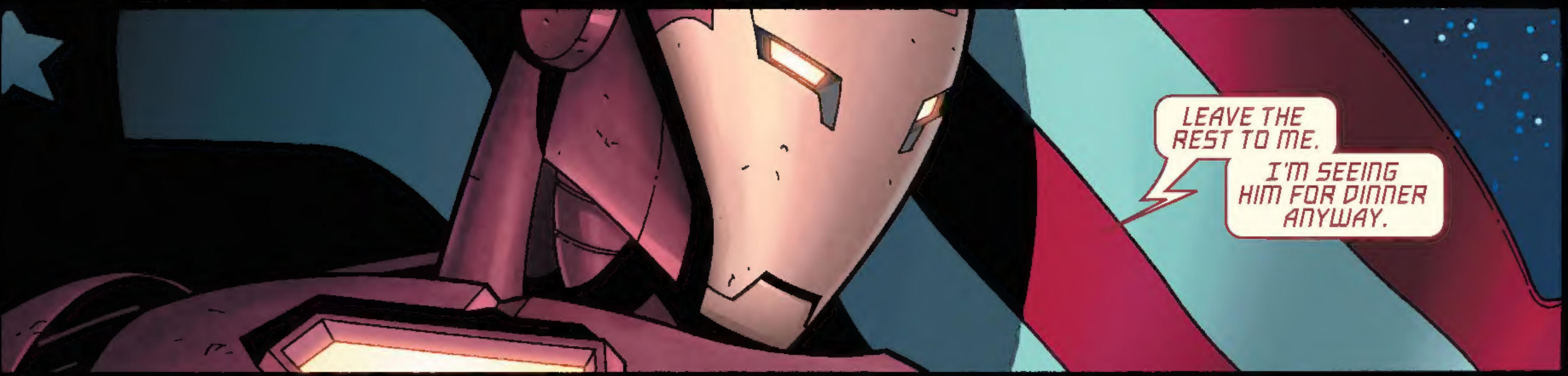
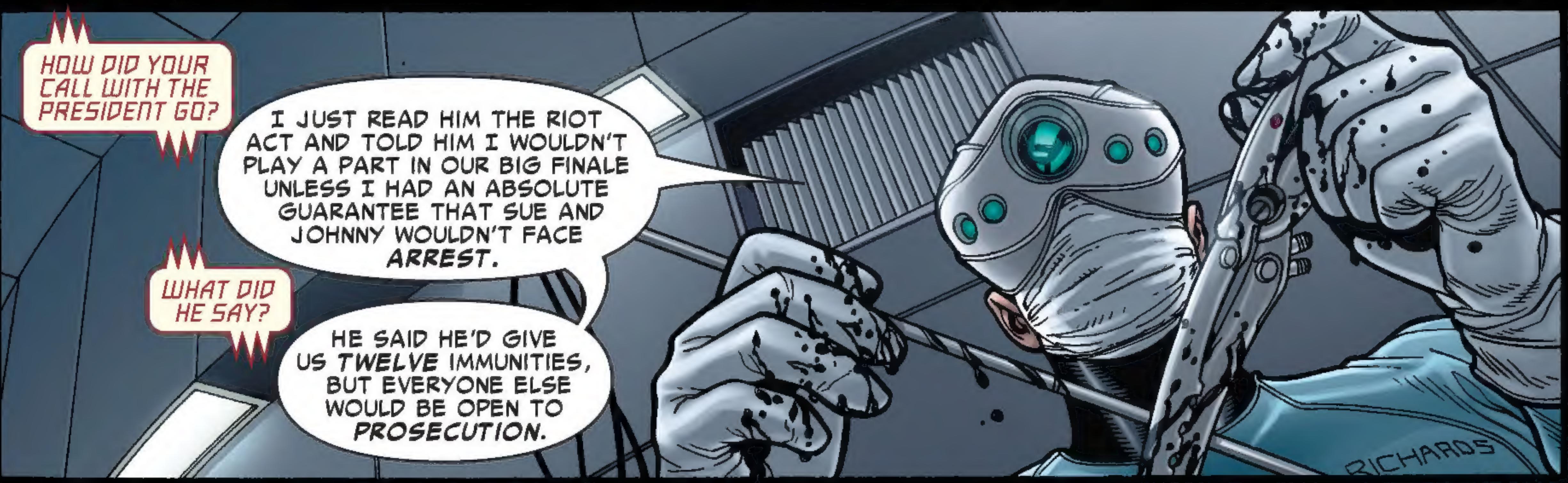






## THE BAXTER BUILDING:





## CAPTAIN AMERICA'S SAFEHOUSE:

OKAY, I'M IN THEIR DATA-HOUSE.

GOOD. NOW I NEED EVERYTHING YOU CAN FIND ON THIS NUMBER 42 COMPLEX: THIS BIG SUPER-PRISON WHERE THEY'RE HOLDING OUR GUYS IN THE NEGATIVE ZONE.

I NEED THE SIZE, HOW MUCH SPACE WE'LL HAVE TO MOVE AROUND AND HOW MANY ACCESS POINTS THEY'VE BUILT. THINK YOU CAN HANDLE THAT WITHOUT SHOOTING SOMEBODY IN THE HEAD?

HILARIOUS.

UH-OH.

WHAT'S UP?

THIS COMPOUND'S GOT MORE PROTECTION THAN ANYTHING I EVER SAW. WE'RE GONNA NEED A LOT MORE THAN YOUR TEAM OF GRUNTS TO SPRING THESE GUYS.

I'M ON IT, CASTLE.

JUST KEEP TYPING.

Golden Eagle Co.

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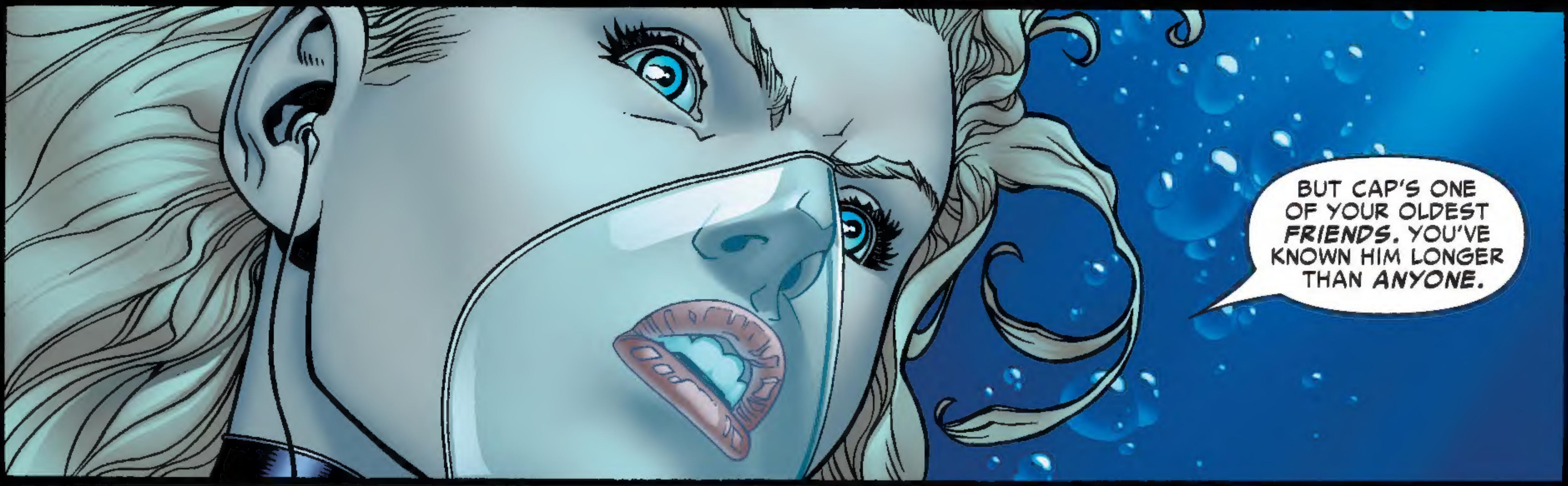


YOU TALK LIKE IT MATTERS,  
SUSAN. POWER STRUGGLES ON  
YOUR LITTLE MOUND ARE AS  
MEANINGLESS TO ME AS THE  
TIDES ARE TO YOU.

THE DEATH OF MY  
COUSIN NAMORITA WAS  
ALL THAT MATTERED IN  
THIS DEBACLE, AND HER  
ASSAILANT HAS BEEN  
DEALT WITH  
PRIVATELY.

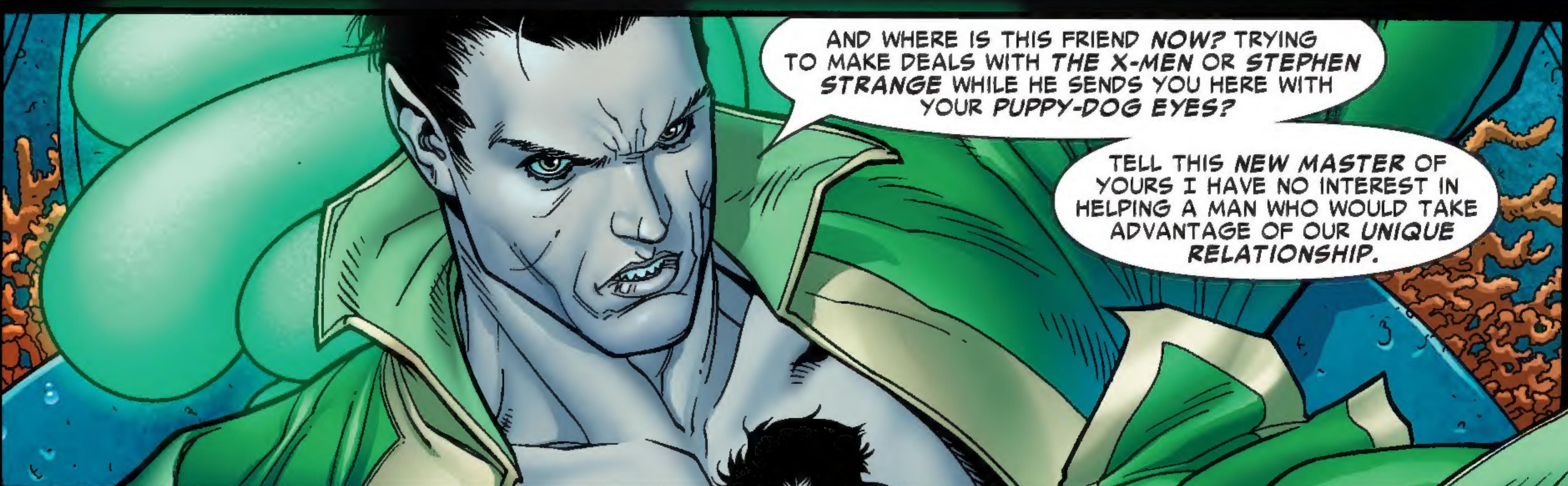


BUT CAP'S ONE  
OF YOUR OLDEST  
FRIENDS. YOU'VE  
KNOWN HIM LONGER  
THAN ANYONE.



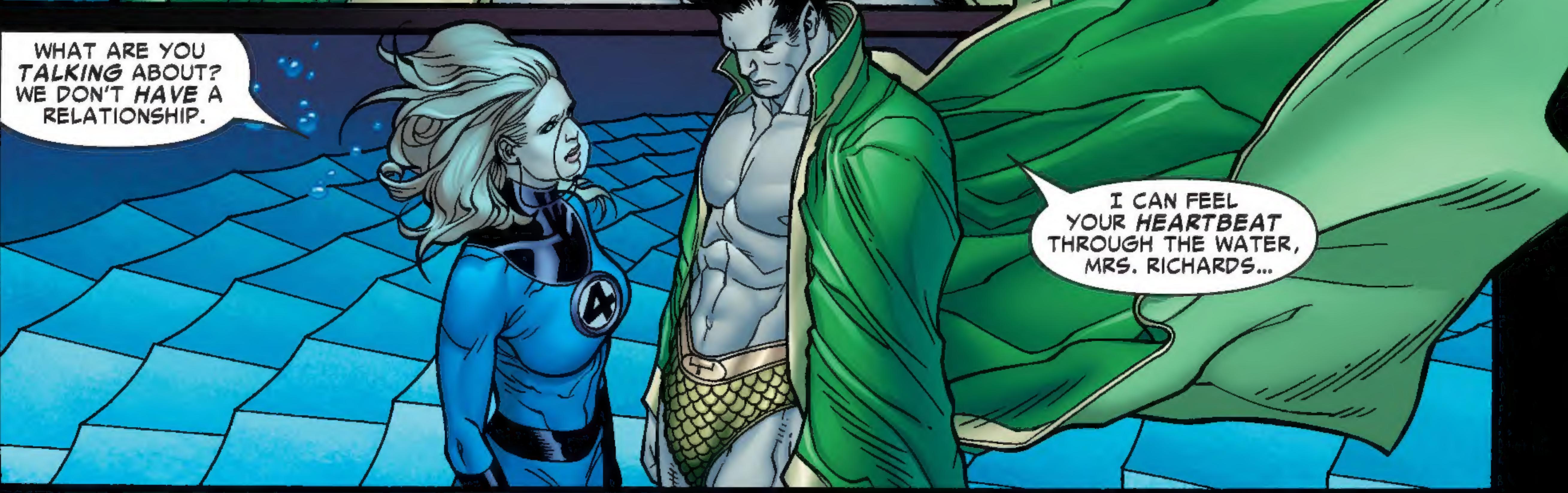
AND WHERE IS THIS FRIEND NOW? TRYING  
TO MAKE DEALS WITH THE X-MEN OR STEPHEN  
STRANGE WHILE HE SENDS YOU HERE WITH  
YOUR PUPPY-DOG EYES?

TELL THIS NEW MASTER OF  
YOURS I HAVE NO INTEREST IN  
HELPING A MAN WHO WOULD TAKE  
ADVANTAGE OF OUR UNIQUE  
RELATIONSHIP.

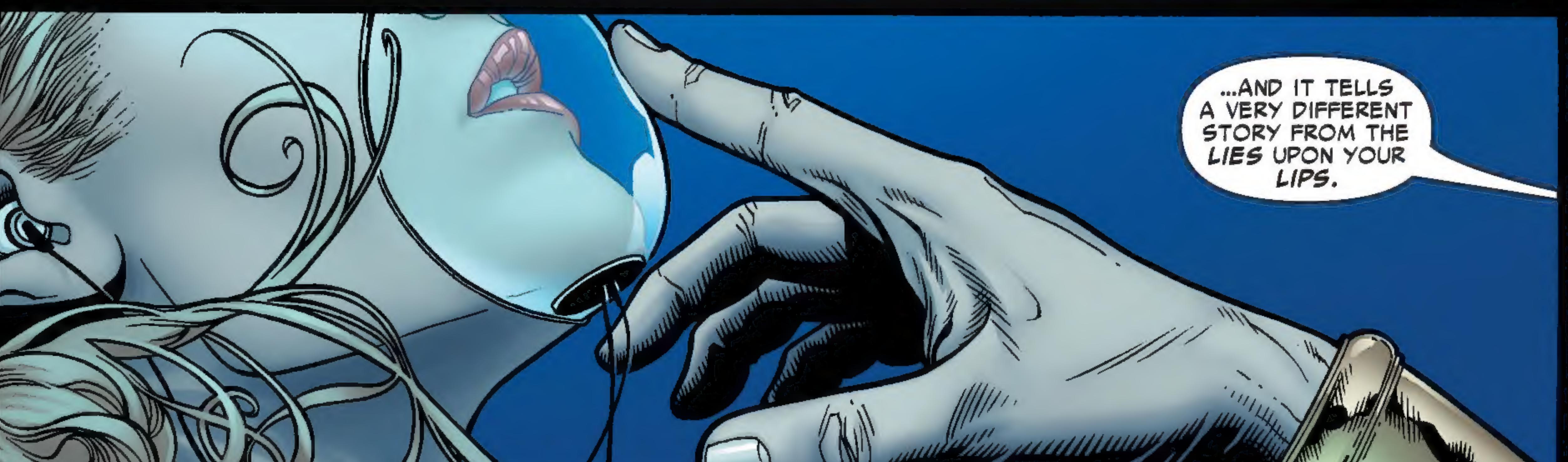


WHAT ARE YOU  
TALKING ABOUT?  
WE DON'T HAVE A  
RELATIONSHIP.

I CAN FEEL  
YOUR HEARTBEAT  
THROUGH THE WATER,  
MRS. RICHARDS...



...AND IT TELLS  
A VERY DIFFERENT  
STORY FROM THE  
LIES UPON YOUR  
LIPS.



## THE SECRET AVENGERS:



OKAY, LET'S GET DOWN TO BUSINESS: THE PUNISHER GOT US ALL THE PLANS ON THE NEGATIVE ZONE PRISON, AND THE LAYOUT OF THE PLACE CAN BE FOUND IN THIS THREE-DIMENSIONAL SCHEMATIC.

OSTENSIALLY, IT'S FOR HIGH-RISK SUPER-VILLAINS, BUT AS YOU KNOW, REBEL SUPER HEROES ARE BEING HELD THERE TOO.

STARK, PYM AND RICHARDS ARE PLANNING PUPPET HEROES IN EVERY STATE AND FIFTY PORTALS LEADING DIRECTLY FROM THEIR LOCAL PENS INTO THIS HUGE COLLECTIVE SUPER-PRISON.

SO FAR, ONLY TWO OF THESE DOORWAYS HAVE BEEN FINISHED, AND WE OBTAINED THE CODES FOR THE ONE ON RYKER'S ISLAND.

BUT WE NEED TO MOVE FAST. OUR INTEL SUGGESTS THEY'RE PLANNING A HUGE ASSAULT WITH S.H.I.E.L.D. AND THE THUNDERBOLTS, SO TONIGHT IS OUR ABSOLUTE LAST OPPORTUNITY.

SPIDER-MAN, WE KNOW YOU'RE NOT IN THE BEST OF SHAPE RIGHT NOW, SO NOBODY'S GOING TO JUDGE YOU IF YOU SIT THIS ONE OUT.

NOT A CHANCE, CAP. I NEED TO DO SOMETHING TO MAKE UP FOR ALL THE BAD MOVES I'VE MADE LATELY.

BESIDES, NUMBERS BEING WHAT THEY ARE, I THINK YOU'RE GONNA NEED EVERY EXTRA PAIR OF HANDS.

ACTUALLY, NUMBERS MIGHT BE A LITTLE BETTER THAN WE ANTICIPATED. GOLDBUG? PLUNDERER? YOU WANT TO COME OUT AND TELL EVERYONE WHAT WE DISCUSSED?

WHAT?

WHAT THE HELL IS GOING ON HERE, DIAMONDBACK?

YOU GUYS AIN'T THE ONLY ONES SCARED. WE'RE HEADING FOR A POLICE STATE, CAPTAIN. THE SUPER-CRIMINAL COMMUNITY'S MORE CONCERNED ABOUT STARK'S PLANS THAN ANYONE.

WE JUST CAME BY TO LET YOU KNOW WE'RE HERE IF YOU NEED US. ONLY FAIR IF IRON MAN'S GOT SUPER-VILLAINS ON HIS SIDE, RIGHT? WHADDAYA SAY?

WHAT?

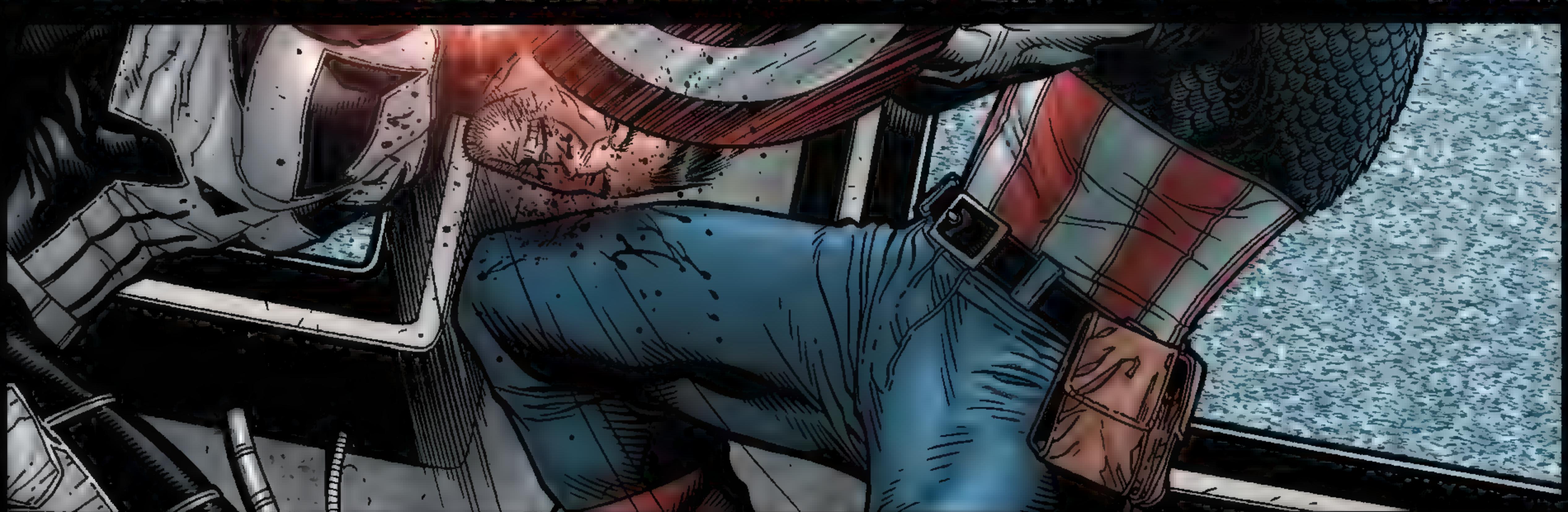
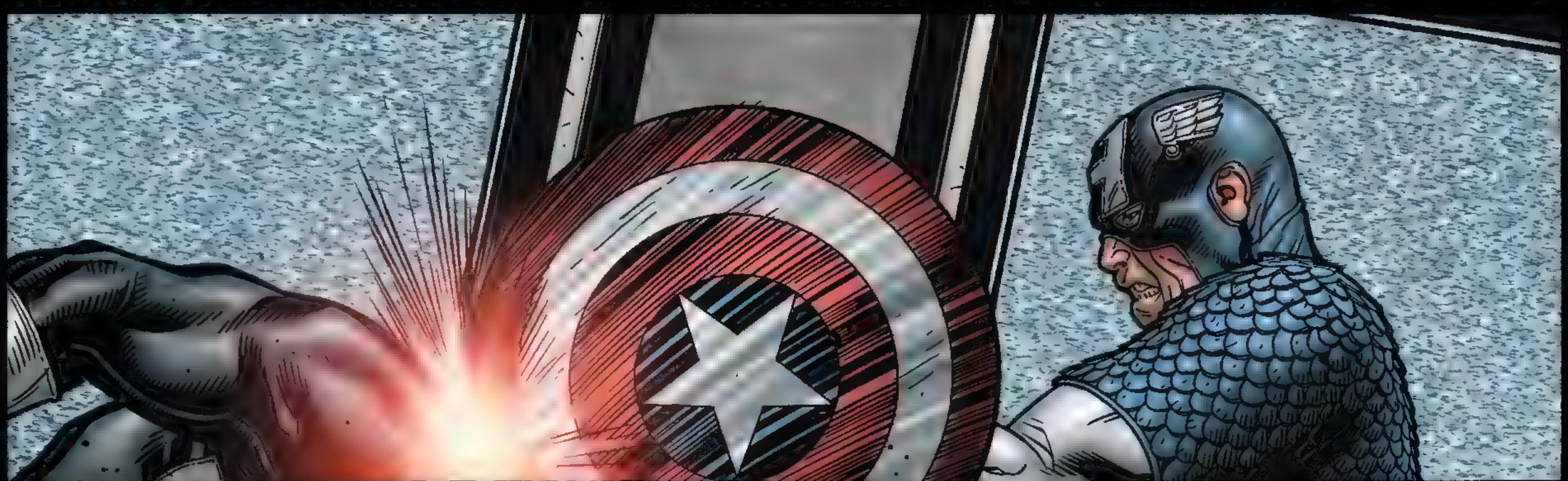
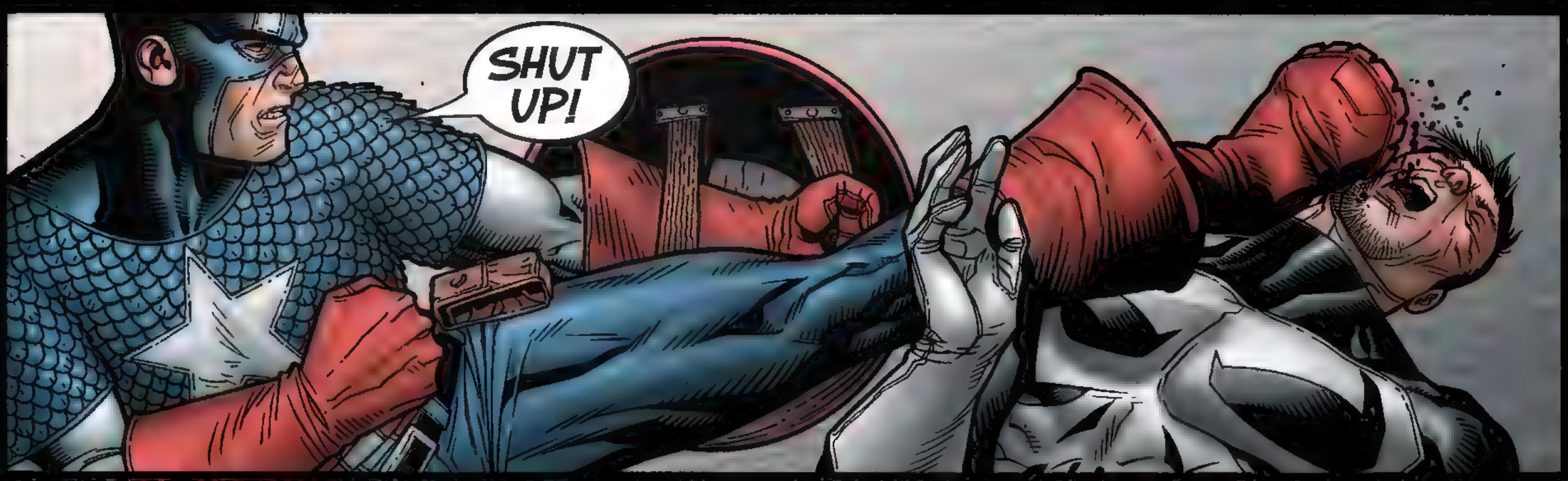


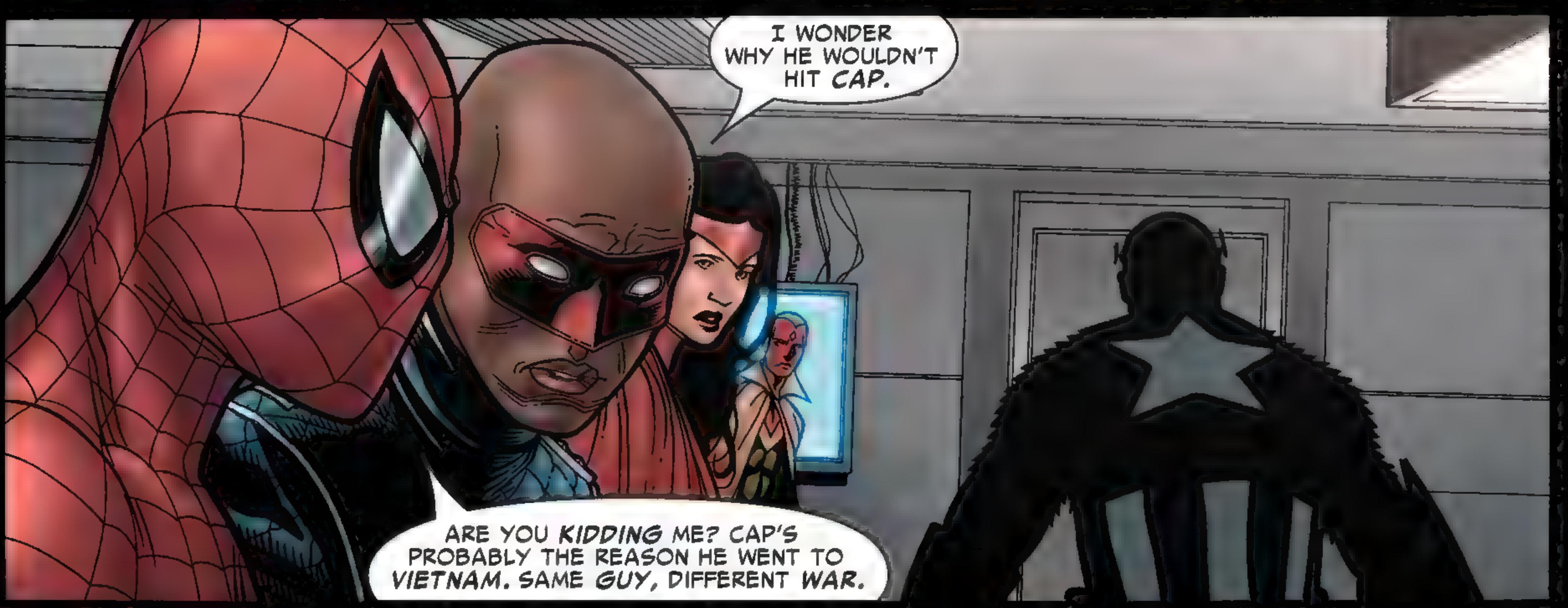
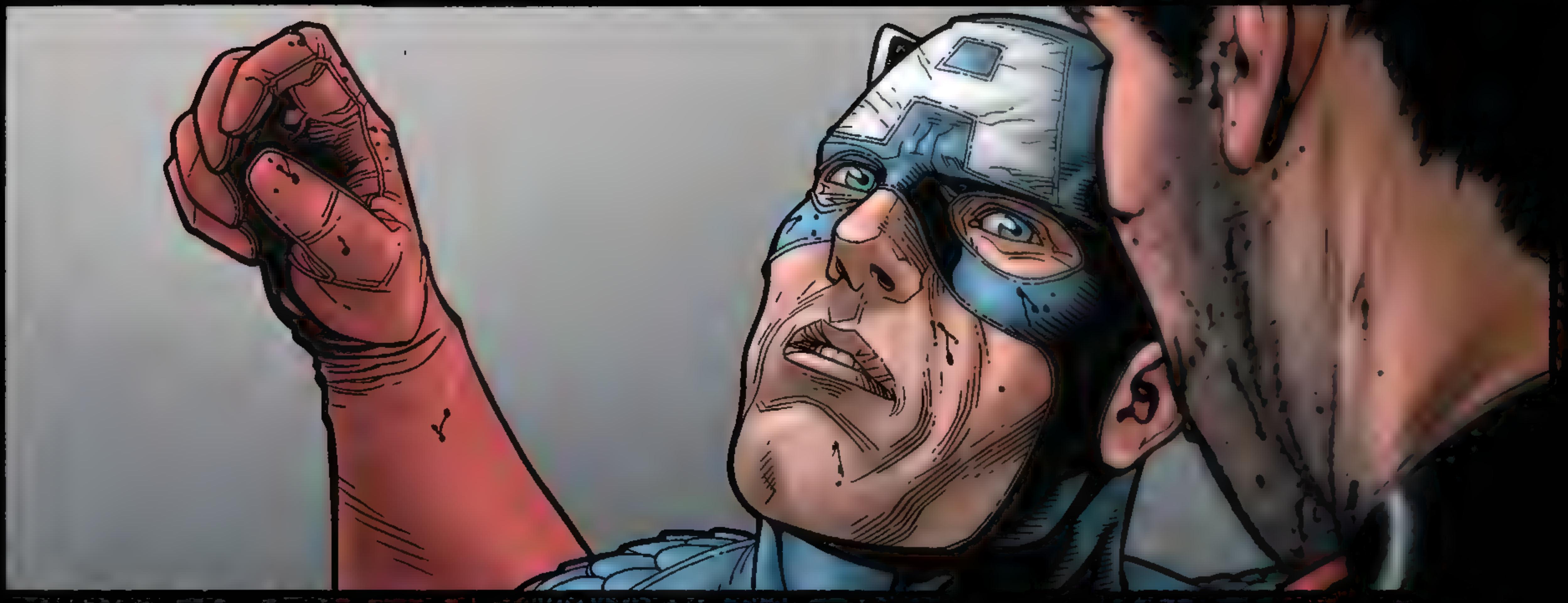
A dynamic comic book panel showing Captain America in his iconic shield-wielding pose, engaged in combat with a henchman. Captain America is in the upper right, wearing his blue helmet with the white 'A' and red, white, and blue suit. He is holding a silver pistol in his left hand and has his right arm raised, ready to strike. The henchman, in the lower left, wears a dark baseball cap and a grey zip-up hoodie. He is shouting and has a determined expression. The background is a cloudy, overcast sky.

YOU  
MURDEROUS PIECE  
OF TRASH...

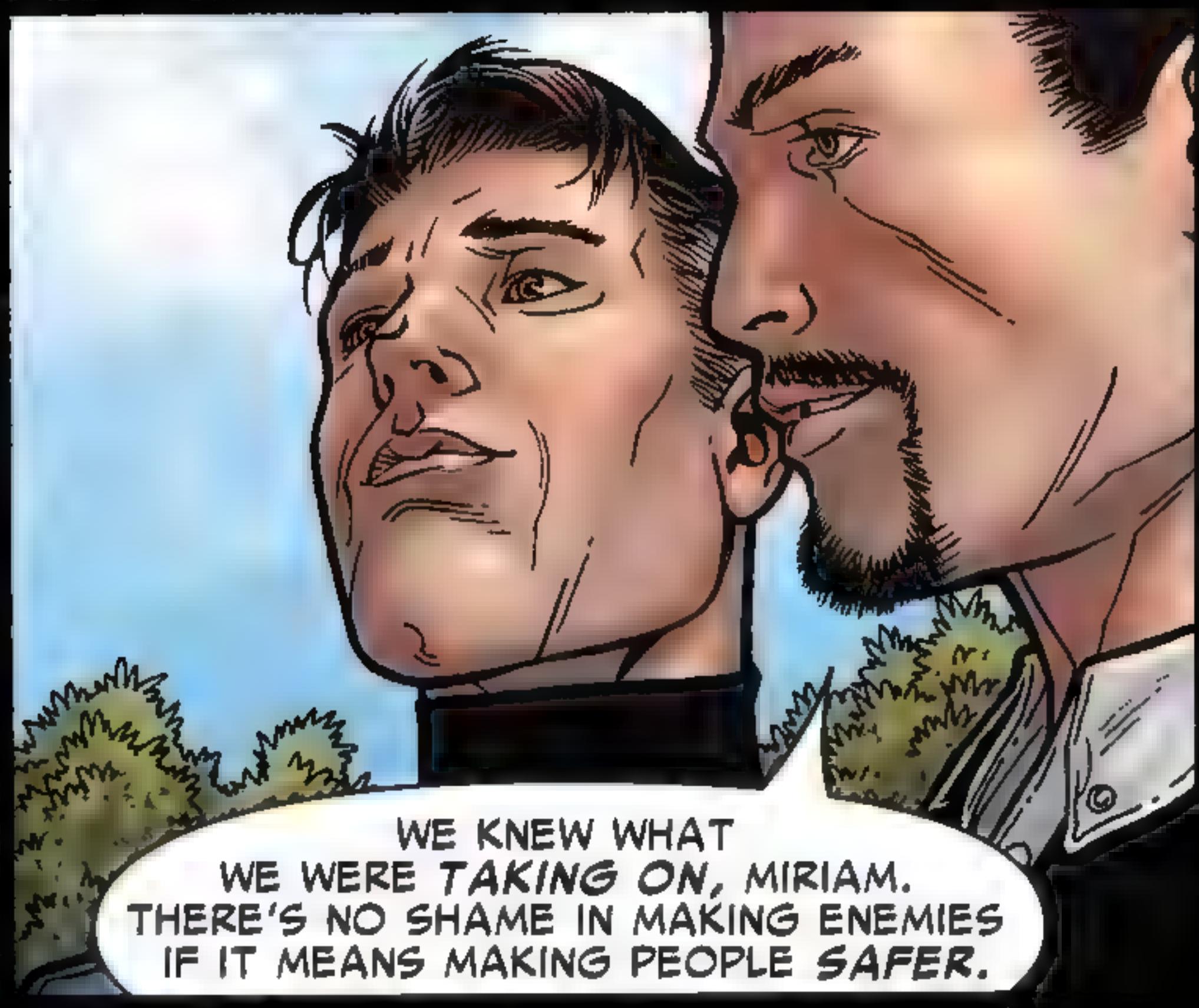
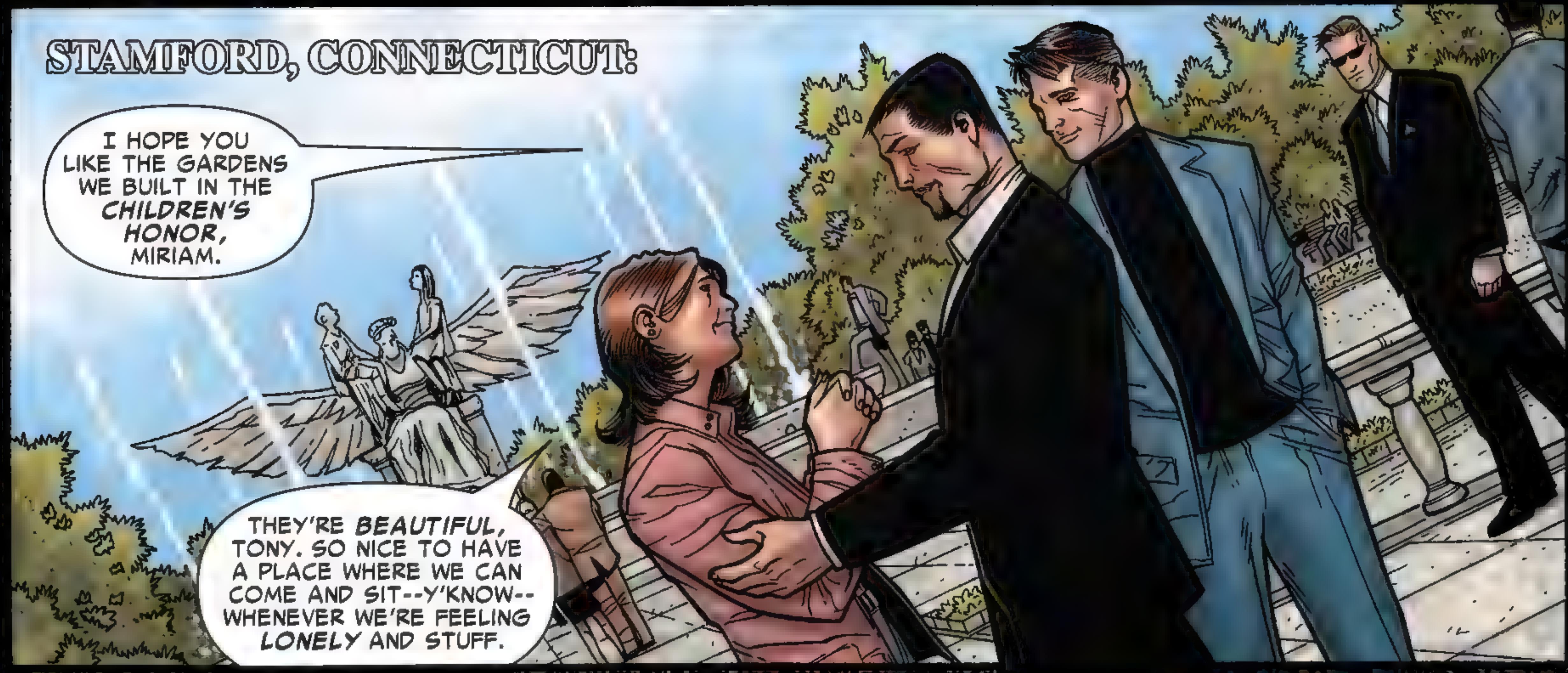
UNGH!

THEY WERE  
BAD GUYS, CAP.  
THIEVES AND  
KILLERS...

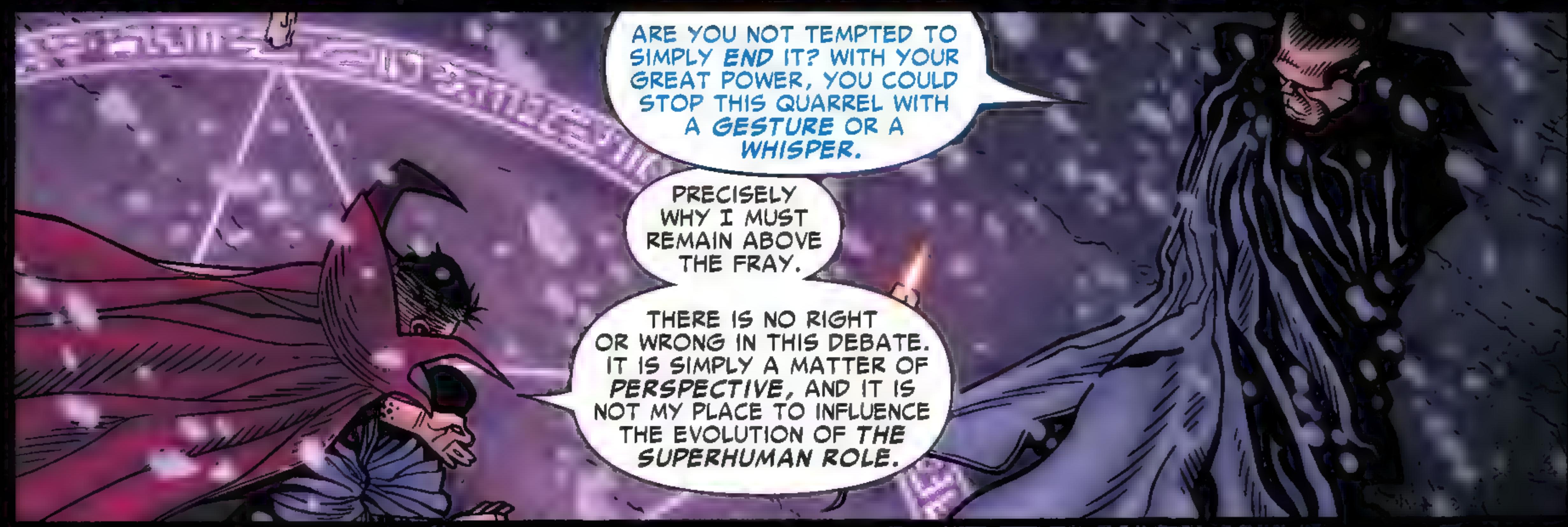
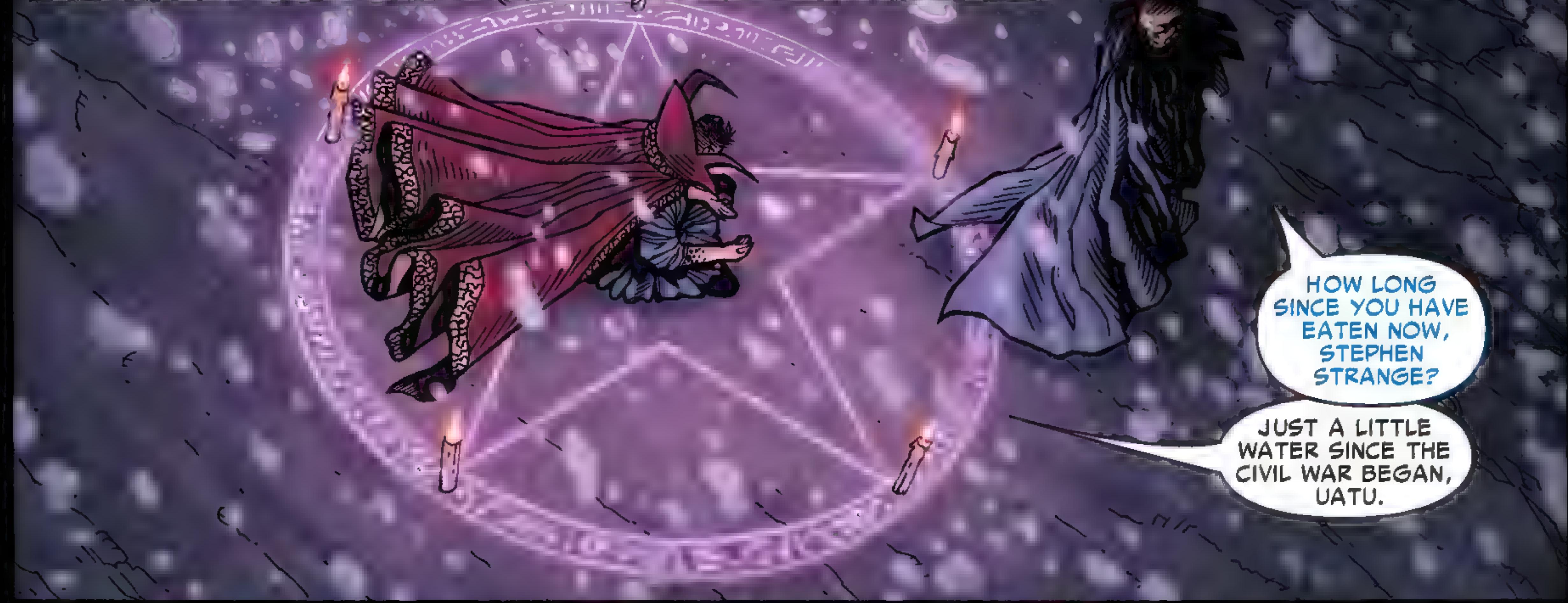




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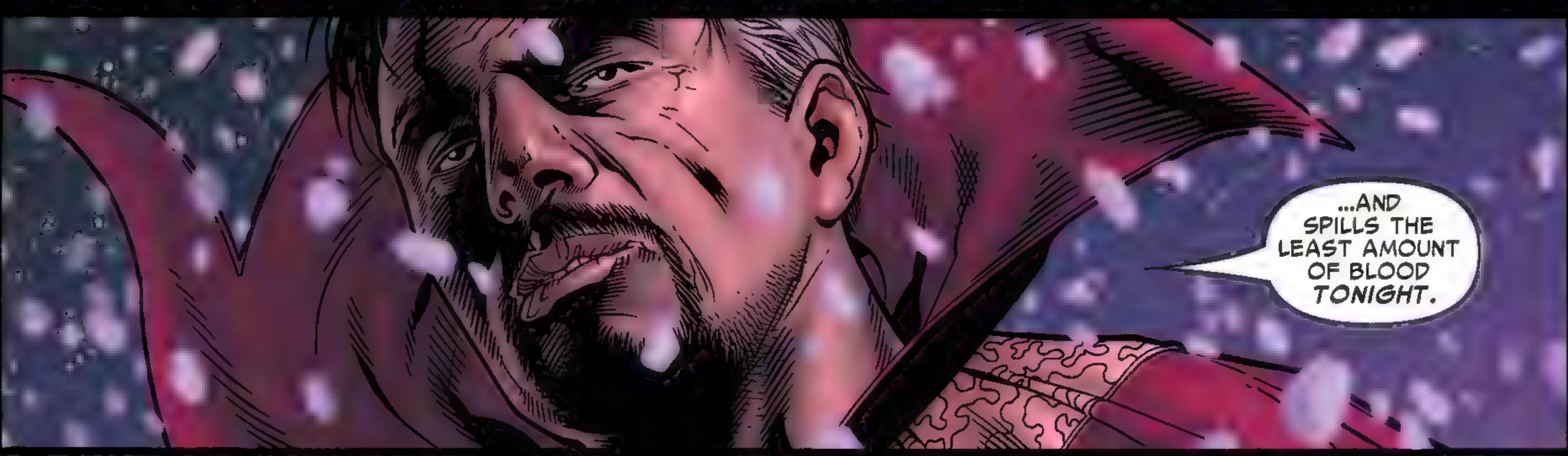


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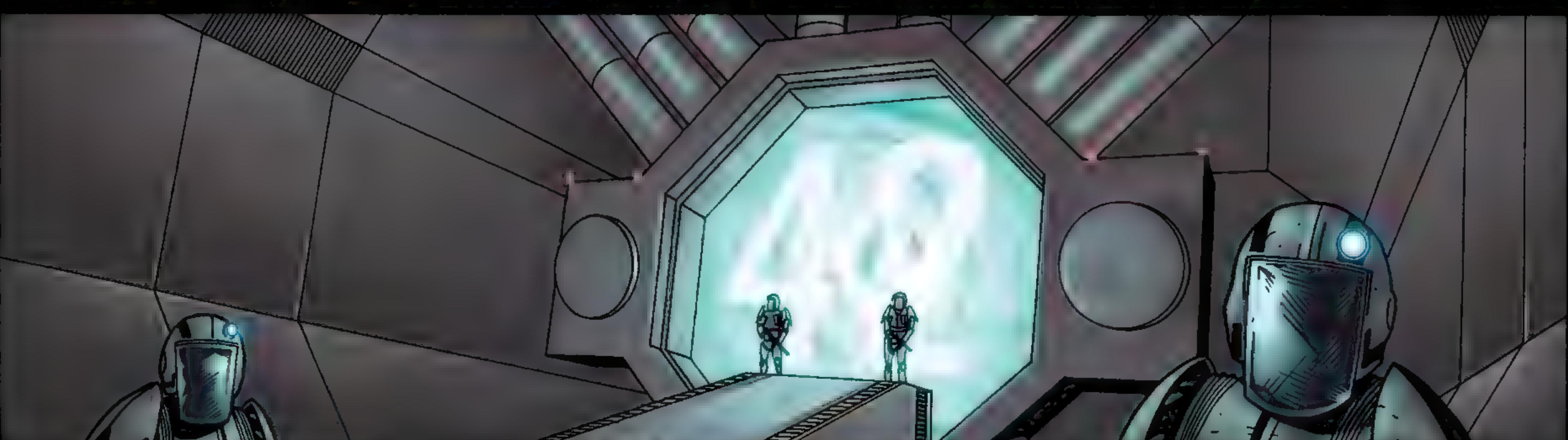


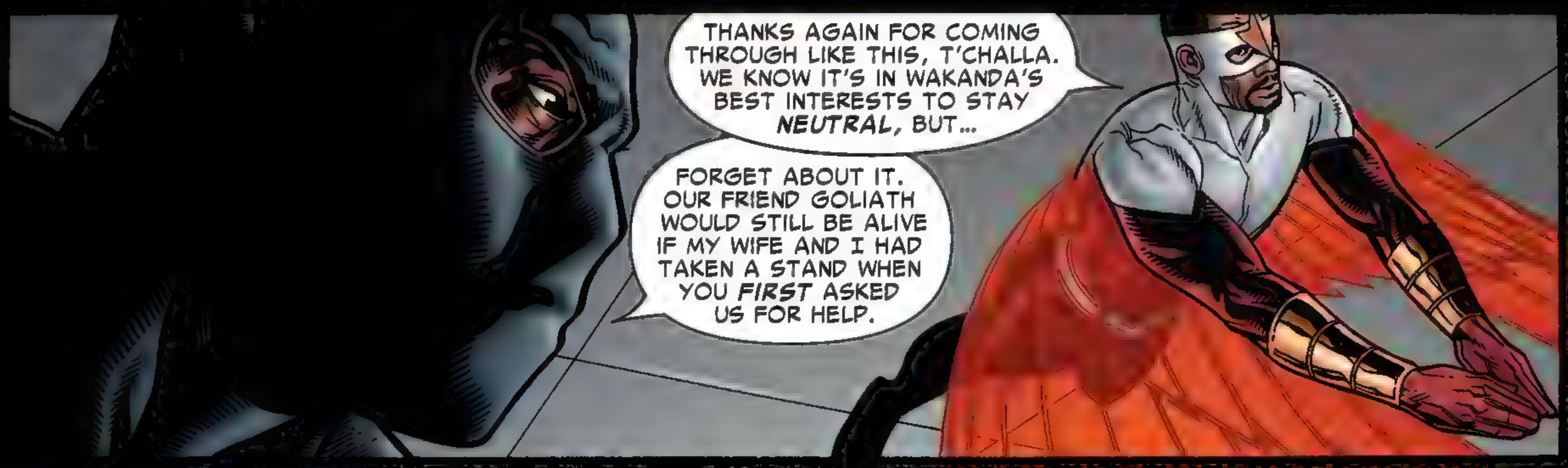
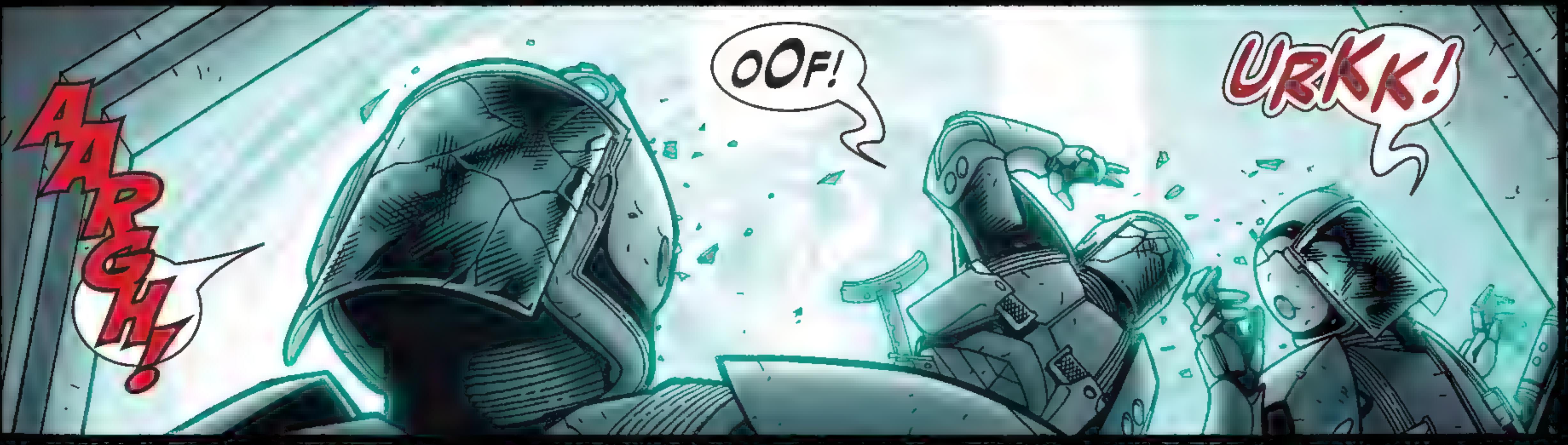


AS A WATCHER,  
I AM MORE THAN  
FAMILIAR WITH SUCH  
DILEMMAS.



### RYKER'S ISLAND PENITENTIARY:







I'M NOT  
SURPRISED.

YOU'VE JUST WALKED INTO ANOTHER TRAP, CAPTAIN: EARTH'S MIGHTIEST HEROES PLUS EARTH'S MIGHTIEST VILLAINS.

WE'VE HAD A MOLE ON YOUR SIDE FOR OVER A WEEK AND YOU'RE OUTNUMBERED TEN TO ONE. WOULD NOW BE A GOOD TIME TO TALK ABOUT A SURRENDER?

I DON'T THINK SO. IF YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT TIGRA, WE KNEW ALL ABOUT HER, IRON MAN.

WHAT?

YOU'RE NOT THE ONLY ONE WITH A SPY IN YOUR TEAM.

IMPOSSIBLE. THE ONLY PEOPLE WHO KNEW ABOUT TIGRA WERE MYSELF, HANK AND REED.

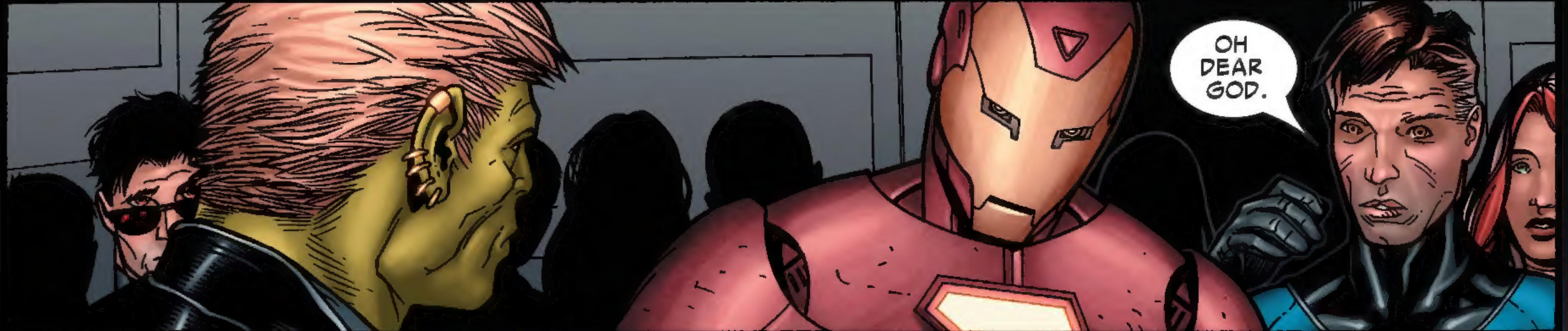
I'M SORRY, TONY.

HANK? WHAT ARE YOU DOING? YOU BELIEVED IN THIS MORE THAN ANY OF US...

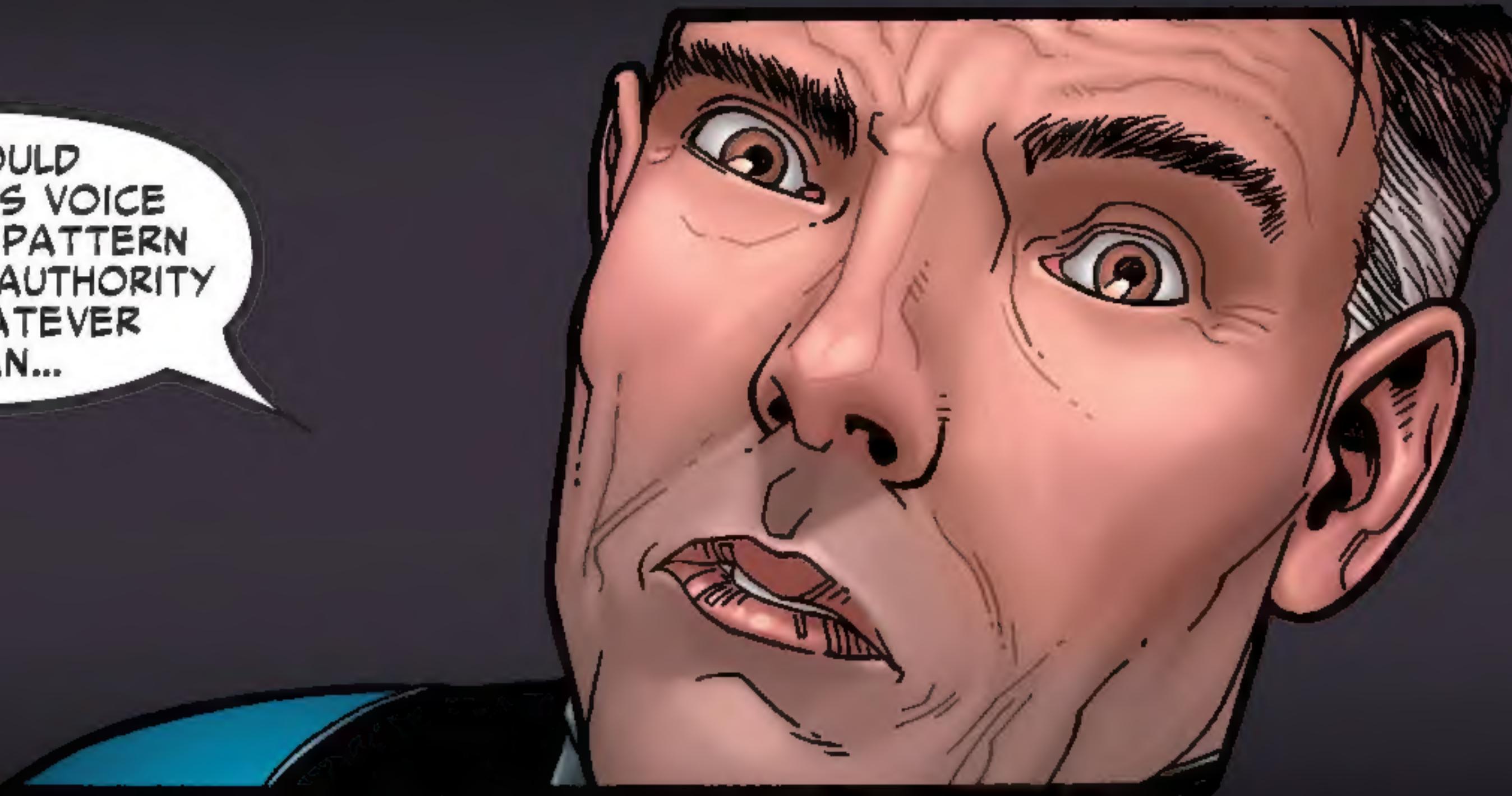


OH, BUT I'M NOT HANK. DOCTOR PYM'S BEEN DRUGGED AND UNCONSCIOUS SINCE I KNOCKED HIM OUT AND REPLACED HIM BACK IN ARIZONA THIS MORNING.

I'M HULKLING, THE YOUNG AVENGERS' RESIDENT SHAPE-CHANGER.



OH DEAR GOD.



IF HE COULD MIMIC HANK'S VOICE AND RETINAL PATTERN HE'S HAD FULL AUTHORITY TO DO WHATEVER WE CAN...



THE CELLS.



I BELIEVE THIS EVENS THE ODDS A LITTLE...





